

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 were pending in the above-referenced application. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9-11, 14-19, and 31 are finally rejected. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9 and 12 have been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in one or more divisional applications. Claims 20-30 were previously withdrawn as being drawn to non-elected subject matter. Claims 2, 6, 10, 11, 13, 20, 21, and 31 have been amended.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

No new matter is added.

I. OBJECTION TO CLAIMS

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9-11, 13-19 and 31 are objected to for containing non-elected species. Applicants have amended the claims to delete the unelected subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

II. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1, 2, 5, 9-11 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement and as allegedly containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/use the invention.

Applicants respectfully disagree for the reasons previously stated. However, solely in the interests of expediting prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims to recite only the compounds that the Examiner has admitted are supported under §112. Applicants have also amended the claims to correct claim dependencies. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under § 112.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks and amendments, the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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